

# MINUTES

## Public Health Alliance

July 2, 2013

Of Southern California

Call in: (530) 881-1212 ID: 687-458-014

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### Call highlights:

- Agreed that Indicator 3, “Collisions by Miles Traveled by Mode” should include data for a population denominator, as well as a “miles traveled by mode” denominator (for the areas where this data is available).
- Determined that definition of Indicator 5, “Transit Access” should be modified so that it aligns with definition of ‘Transit Priority Project Area’ under SB 375

### Call Attendees:

| Data Committee          | Organization                                               |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| Deirdre Browner         | County of San Diego Public Health Services                 |
| Emily Holman            | City of Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services |
| Matthew Feaster         | City of Pasadena Department of Public Health               |
| Danyte Mockus           | County of Riverside Department of Public Health            |
| Neil Maizlish           | CDPH                                                       |
| Susan Klein-Rothschild  | Santa Barbara                                              |
| Travers Yoshio Ichinose | Orange County Health Care Agency                           |
| Evelyn Trevino          | San Bernardino County Department of Public Health          |
| Peter Armstrong         | UCSF Healthy Communities Project—Health Data Analyst       |
| Dulce Bustamante        | CDPH                                                       |

| Healthy Transportation Team |                           |
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| Rye Baerg                   | SRTS National Partnership |

### Minutes:

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## 2. Alliance Updates

- **Healthy Transportation Committee Report:** Carla provided a brief update of 6/26 Healthy Transportation Call with Sean Co on Health Targets for Bay Area SCS + ITHIM Health Co-benefits Methodology. Bay Area MTC has developed a methodology for calculating health benefits of transportation investments in terms of increased minutes of physical activity for the purposes of gauging the cost/benefit of projects proposed as part of the Bay Area 2050 RTP with SCS. Audio of the call available online: <http://stme.in/uAhmW2HFa>

## 3. Indicator Updates—Neil Maizlish

- HCI Indicators 1 and 2, *Neighborhood Completeness Index* and *Distance to Healthy Food Retail* both dependent on Board of Equalization (BOE) Data—process to get this data has not been very quick. HCI staff continue to work with BOE to get data.
- Staff have been focusing more on transportation-related indicators. (Indicators 3,4,5,8)

## 4. Discussion of methodology and progress on transportation indicators: Neil Maizlish

- **Indicator 3:** *Number and rate of collisions by severity and mode of transport.* The group discussed the limitations of data for this indicator.
  - Miles traveled by mode is available from the NHTS at a *statewide level only* except for areas located within four “Consolidated Metropolitan Statistical Areas.”
  - The possibility of presenting this information by population instead of miles traveled was also mentioned—it was suggested that this would be a way to present the indicator at a census-tract level of geography. However, the value of this was called into question, since population by census tract indicates *residence* and the SWITRS data for the numerator is correlated with travel.
    - Group agreed to take an “all of the above” approach to this indicator. Where more data is available (i.e., miles of travel by mode within the Consolidated Metro Statistical Areas) that data will be included. ACS 5-year population estimates will also be included.
    - Rye Baerg suggested adding the results of this this indicator to the Transportation Injury Mapping System or ‘TIMS’ website <http://tims.berkeley.edu/page.php?page=about>
- **Indicator 5:** *Percent of population located <½ mile of a regional bus/rail/ferry & <¼ mile local bus/light rail.* Neil discussed the opportunity to revise the methodology for this indicator to reflect the definition of “Transit Priority Projects” provided by SB 375, which defines these areas as being located within “within 1/2 mile of a major transit stop or high-quality transit corridor.”
  - The group agreed that it made sense to revise this indicator so that it is aligned with the definition of Transit Priority Project Areas being used by MPOs under SB 375.

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- **Indicator 4: Percent of residents mode of transportation to work.** HCI Staff are working on a narrative to accompany this indicator. Narratives for indicators will include maps showing the indicator in the context of a particular geography.
  - **Data Committee members were asked to volunteer for indicators they would like to see mapped in their geography. Volunteers so far include:**
    - **3, Collision**—Trav (Orange County) was interested in this for Santa Ana, Evy (San Bernardino) was interested in this area for the high desert region in San Bernardino. Neil mentioned that it might be difficult to get accurate data for the high desert region because of a lack of information about miles traveled by mode in lower-density areas.
    - **4, Mode of Travel to Work**- Susan (Santa Barbara) interested in this for the Santa Barbara region.
  
- 5. **Next Steps**
  - **Volunteer for Indicator Mapping:** Still seeking a volunteer for Indicator 5--% of population located within ½ mile of a major transit stop. Let us know if you have a suggested area for mapping this indicator.
  - **Help review narrative accompanying Indicator 4 once it is released:** The final HCI product will include narratives describing each indicator in the context of health. You can see the narratives that were produced in the Bay Area on the CDPH HCI page at: <http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/Pages/HealthyCommunityIndicators.aspx>. Help establish a format for the transportation indicators produced by this project by providing your input in Indicator 4 “Mode of Travel to Work” once it’s released.
  
- 6. **Next Call**
  - **Next Data Committee Call:** Tuesday, August 6 from 2-3pm.